The Glorious Gospel

I.Tim.1:11 According to the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

When Paul refers to "the glorioue Gospel of the Blessed God", he gives us, incidentally, the key-note of his marvelous life and the secret of his wonder ful service to the worl To him, the Gospel the most glorious fact in all history. Not afriad to proclaim the Gospel to the most learned men of the world. So great is his glorious Gospel that its light shines for both Jew and gentile, for bond and free, for all mankind regardless race or color!

Never for one instant does Paul ever tone the gospel down, or apologize for it, or seek to change it in any way; he is never ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power ofnGod unto salvation."

To him this Gospel is no idle tale, no incident of past history to be forgotten, but the truth of all truths, the most vital fact of all the history of the world.

Believeing this with all his heart, he preached it and lived it and died for it.

I. To Paul the Gospel was glorious becuae of its divine origin.

The Gospel which he preached came not from man but from God. The Christ whom he worshipped and loved was declared"to be the son of God with power". The preaching of the Gospel produced results which warranted such an estimation of it.

However weak and foolish some might call his Gospel, Paul never lost his faith in it for one second for he kn knew its origin- a human gospel might fail, but a divine Gospel never!

II. To Paul this Gospel was glorious becmuse of its revelation of infinite love.

The more lowly the earthliness of Jesus, the greate the infimy of the cross, the greater was the Love which stooped so low.

Others despised the Jew who had not where to lay his head, but Paul saw Christ as one who, tho rich became poor that we thru his poverty might become rich.

Paul noted everywhere the conception of absentee go gods, gods far removed from hum interests and affairs. But in Jesus Christ God himself bare our sins and carried our sorrows". God in Christ is a God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Then Paul who regarded himself as the chief of sinners thot it marvelous that to him should be entrusted the preaching of the Gospel. This but added to its glory

III. To Paul the glory of the Gospel wasmanifested everywhere in the transformation of sinners into saints.

Well he knew the depths of iniquity to which many of thepeople around him had descended, but they had been transforned by the grace of Godthru the Gospel of Christ To the Jew this story of greatest humiliation was a stumbling block and to the Greek it was foolishness, but to all who believed it and accepted it the Gospel became salvation and regeneration.

The glory of this Gospel has never since departed from it. We still see profane men become devout worshippers of God, unclean men become pure, dishonest men become honest rough and cruel men become gentle and [illegible] and selfhish men become considerate of others.

The Gospel has brot more blessings to mankind than any other influence.

Freedom from slavery
Revaluation of woman
Freedom from ignorance- education made common
Freedom from tyrannical government-democracy but the outcome of a recognized equality of all before God.

IV. To Paul the Gospel was glorius becuase it gave to him the vision of a day when it should ve everywhere victonious, when its Christ should become recognized as universal Lord

Peter must die, Paul must die, countless thousands of followers must die, but the Gospel power would keep marching on until all nations would become peace-loving in Christ, all peoples blest by it.

The Boston Common. A little boy seeing the sign for the first time, called out joyfully,"It does'nt say "Keep off but "Come on". And this is the Gospel invitation- come on to the better things of life, to the wonderful things which God has prepared for us.

Effects of the Gospel. We still wonder why all do not accept and beieve. 32 degrees Fahrinheit is freezing point Yes, and it is melting point also. The same temperature may be either freezing or melting.

The same Gospel either melts offrezzes. Under Gospel influence the spiritual thermometer is either rising or falling It is growing wither warner or colder. At the critical point